



THE LOYAL LOVERS

Come all you loyal lovers wherever thou you be
 I pray you'll pay attention & listen unto me
 I am a poor unhappy girl that's distressed in my mind,
 All for a brisk young sailor no comfort can I find;

I kept my true loves company for better than 3 years
 He vow'd & swear he'd marry me I own I loved him
 dear

But now alas he's gone from me I cannot tell you where
 He has embark'd to serve the Queen on board of a man
 of war

The lad that I love dearly he is proper straight & trim
 Well form'd in every part a well shape'd in every limb
 A lover of mild behaviour to me a maid so young;

He's proper tall genteel with all & has no deluding
 tongue

Adieu to you false lovers since he is gone away
 He has my heart in keeping tho he is on the sea
 I gave him my black ribbon to memento for me that's here
 And like a loyal lover a bunch of green I'll wear

Was there a Lord or Squire my husband for to be
 Or all the gold & treasure that ever my eyes did see
 I would not wed with any man I'll tell you the reason
 why

For the sake of him that's gone to sea a maid I'll live &
 die

May the heavens above protect my love while he is on
 the sea

And keep him from all danger till he returns again
 But if in battle he be slain his face I never will see
 I hope his soul in heaven may dwell for all eternity